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an annular magnet array disposed within the chamber to form a stationary [substantially parallel] magnetic field that is substantially parallel to [at] the surface of the substrate support.

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- 5. (Twice Amended The apparatus of claim [4]  $\underline{3}$ , wherein the target comprises a nickel/iron alloy.
- 6. (Twice Amended) [An] The apparatus of claim 1 [for depositing a magnetic film, comprising:] wherein the

[a sputtering chamber containing a] target and [a] the substrate supporting surface are separated by a distance of at least about 50 mm [; and

a magnet array disposed within the chamber to form a parallel magnetic field at the substrate supporting surface].

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15. (Twice Amended) A method for depositing a magnetic film within a sputtering chamber containing a target and a substrate, comprising:

sputtering the target onto a surface of the substrate at a pressure less than about 15 mTorr;

collimating/sputtering of the target with a grounded collimator disposed between the target and the substrate; and

[providing] generating a [parallel] stationary magnetic field [at] that is substantially parallel to the surface of the substrate during sputtering using an annular magnet array disposed within the sputtering chamber.

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18. (Twice Amended) The method of claim [17] 16, wherein the target and the surface of the substrate are maintained at a distance of at least about 50 km during sputtering.